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JOINT PROSTHESIS
Group Art Unit: 3738
Examiner: Suzette Jaime J. Gherbi
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Copies of documents 20-23, which are also listed on PTO/SB/08A (substitute for Form PTO-1449) (three pages), are enclosed herewith.

Applicants respectfully request that these documents be fully considered by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application and printed on any patent which may issue on this application. Applicants also respectfully request that a copy of PTO/SB/08A (substitute for Form PTO-1449) (three pages), submitted herewith, as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned to the undersigned with the next communication.

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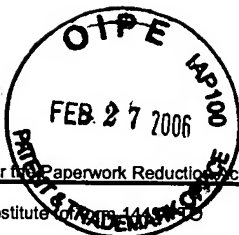
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